

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

LIVSHITS et al.  
Application No.: 09/466,935  
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For: NOVEL GENE AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING L-AMINO ACIDS

Art Unit: 1656  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2009, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.

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